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SUBJ: PERUVIAN PURCHASE OF DUTCH DESTROYER

REFS: A. STATE 001446 B. LIMA 0070 C. THE HAGUE 0081

1. DAO MET WITH DUTCH NAVAL AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS SALE OF DESTROYER
HOLLAND TO PERUVIAN NAVY. INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED BY DUTCH
NAVAL CONTACT WAS:

A. PERUVIANS BECAME INTERESTED IN PURCHASE OF HOLLAND CLASS DESTROYER
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(HOLLAND AND ZEELAND) WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT DESTROYERS WOULD
BECOME EXCESS INVENTORY. PERNAV TURNED OFF ON ZEELAND BECAUSE IT
WILL REMAIN OPERATIONAL UNTIL OCT 78. IN MAY 77, PERNAV OFFICIALS
VISITED DEN HELDER TO "LOOK OVER" THE DESTROYER HOLLAND AND
APPEARED SATISFIED WITH ITS CONDITION.

B. DESPITE WARNING FROM DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN PERU OVER WEAK GOP
FINANCIAL POSITION, NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED IN NOV AND DEC WITH A
PURCHASE AGREEMENT REACHED IN LATE DEC. (ACTUAL DATE OF SIGNING
REPORTED IN THE HAGUE 0081).

C. WHILE DUTCH NOT HIDING THE SALE OF HOLLAND, NAVAL AUTHORITIES
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UNABLE TO PROVIDE SALE PRICE OR TERMS OF CONTRACT. THEY RECOMMEND
EMBASSY CONTACT MFA OR MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR PARTICULARS. (SOURCE
FURTHER STATED THAT HE BELIEVES 9 MILLION GUILDERS WAS ASKING
PRICE BUT FINAL AGREEMENT WAS FOR LESSER AMOUNT.)

D. HOLLAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED "AS IS", AND WAS TO BE COMMISSIONED
ON 20 JAN 78, WITH AGUIRRE (FORMER DUTCH CRUISER SEVEN PROVINCES),

IN DEN HELDER, NL. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONINGS HAVE BEEN
RESCHEDULED FOR FEB 78, AND DUTCH NAVAL AUTHORITIES BELIEVE BOTH
SHIPS WILL SAIL TOGETHER TO PERU.
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